

2024 Student Renewal Comments

"This scholarship has continued to allow me to reach my academic and career goals. I recently joined Atland Ventures a student-run venture capital firm at the University which has been an amazing experience. Next school year I look forward to studying abroad for a whole semester in France. None of this would be possible without this scholarship, I continue to be extremely grateful for this opportunity that was given to me." *Elliana Jouppi, Business Major*

"This year I was involved in many fun activities ranging from TAing for a Computer Science II class to becoming the Association of Computing Machinery president at UMD. Thanks to your support I was able to do many exciting clubs and activities while feeling financially secure and not having to stress about my tuition. Thank you!" *Xander Schroeder, Computer Science Major*

"Seeing everything work out, everything i worked for in order to finally be able to pursue my dream of mastering jazz and continuing the legacy of American classical music, I can't express enough how thankful I am for the opportunities I've been given. I try to sound formal for these things, but for real - thank all of you so much." *Chase Andersen, Music Major*

"Over the past year at Mankato, I've had the wonderful opportunity to fly in some of the most advanced trainers available today. The difference between the planes at Mankato and at the Superior Flying Service where I trained before is incredible. This type of training will be enormously helpful with my career in professional flight." *Parker Ahlers, Aviation*

"During the fall semester, I was enrolled in an Econometrics course where I researched and completed data analysis on the effect of air pollution on violent crime throughout the United States- it was a very intriguing course and project!

I applied and was accepted into a learning assistant position for next fall, working with students in a precalculus class. Also, during the fall semester, I was paired with an alumni mentor through UMD where we talk about career paths and skill building." *Amelia Ashcroft*

"I want to continue to show my thanks and gratitude to the Foundation for making my college life easier. These awards are so generous and go a long way for any college student. College is difficult especially financially, the willingness of the Foundation to give up so much money to ease our lives is truly special. Thanks again!" *Gavin Bulthuis*

"This year I joined the Multiplanetary INnovation Enterprise (MINE). This is a 2-year program that replaces my senior design course and is a large reason I came to Michigan Tech. On MINE I joined the Lunabotics project which is a NASA hosted excavation and construction challenge that students build rovers to complete. I became a mechanical lead even though I had no experience in Lunabotics and quickly proved myself, winning the rookie award, and being voted project manager for next year." *Nicholas Miller*

"This year I continued to work with SIDO (our on-campus student interior design organization) as we toured firms around the area, planned fun little events for interior design students on campus, and

have even more planned for next year! I have also continued to drum on the worship team and volunteer at a local church in Menomonie, Cedarbrook Church. Things are going well! I am ready but also a little nervous for my Senior year." *Noah McGrew*

"I have dreamed of going to college for as long as I can remember. This has truly been an exciting and new experience that has deepened my love for education. While exploring Columbus and my studies I feel myself growing as a student and a member of society. Thank you for helping fund my academic journey and fueling my passions." *Sariyah Crawford*

"I would like to thank you for the scholarship. Without this money I would not have the opportunity to pursue my future career plans. This year I had a couple really cool classes, like Foundations of math in which we defined the simplest cases of mathematics. This was a lot harder and more rewarding than I thought. I also really liked my physics classes, where I learned about quantum mechanics and other small particle physics. Thank you again for your support." *Per Johnson*

"I cannot begin to say how grateful I am for the Hauge scholarship. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to continue my education at UMD this past year and I wouldn't have had the opportunity to experience all the amazing new things that college has brought me, such as playing sports, joining clubs, coaching track at Denfeld, and joining the Newman Center." *Anna Foldesi*

"You will see on my transcript how my college in the school classes went and how I barely got the credit for them. That wasn't because I was struggling in those classes it was because I was lazy and didn't need to try to be successful. This year I found out who I could really be, how when I apply myself, I can be more than just a "gifted" kid. My generation isn't very excited for the future, but this year has given me hope for at least myself, if not the future as well." *Carter Wegler*

"This past year, I decided to pursue a structural engineering concentration and a math minor. Additionally, I joined Purdue's concrete canoe team, where I helped design the canoe and raced against other schools at the ASCE symposium. I also became more involved in the figure skating club, and started rock climbing and running. These new experiences would not have been possible without the generosity of the GDF. Thank you for your continued support in my educational and future goals." *Gretchen Schauer*

"Over this past year, I was able to spend 16 days studying Shakespeare in England, Wales, and France. It was a life changing experience that I could not have done without the help of the Greater Denfeld Foundation!" *Teresa Schauer*

"I really just want to say thank you to everyone that selected me for this award. I have had an amazing first year here at UMD doing the stuff I love! I truly wouldn't be here without the Hauge scholarship. This scholarship has changed my life for the better and I will never be able to express my gratitude in just a 500-character text box. Knowing that I was chosen for this award just gives me even more motivation to keep pushing forward. Again, thank you all, and I will continue to do my best!" *Peyton Nelson*

"I am so incredibly grateful for the opportunities this scholarship helped to provide me with. I absolutely fell in love with the university of North Dakota. From joining clubs and finding my place in its vibrant community of student organizations to the professors that genuinely care about your personal academic growth. While I am sad to leave my freshman year behind and shocked at how quickly it passed, I am so enthusiastic and hopeful for the years to come. Thank you." *Madeline Watts*

College Completion Comments:

"Having the scholarship allowed me to focus more on my coursework and not worry about being able to afford to continue my degree, and allowed me to join the university robotics team, which also taught me some useful strategies to apply to my courses.

One of the experiences that stuck with me the most was the senior design project. It was a lot of verifying the design, troubleshooting unexpected behaviors, redesigning, more verification, and repeating until all of the issues were solved. It showed me just how much design and redesign goes into a project, and how much time they can take if there are substantial impacts from any outstanding issues with that design iteration." *Brandon Jahn, Computer Engineering*

"... it is hard for me to pinpoint just one experience that stands out as the most noteworthy. In general, the best part of college was the personal growth that I experienced in my confidence and abilities. The scholarships I received allowed me to move away from home for college and this gave me the space I needed to try new things and meet new people. After graduation, I am coming back to Duluth with a greater sense of who I am which will allow me to better serve my community.

I would like to express my gratitude for the work that you are doing and the resources you are providing. This allows students to get the education and experience they need in order to be in a position where they can use all of their skills and talents and hopefully make a positive difference in the world!" *Emily Tusken, BS in Nursing*

"My senior thesis project received research honors, which is a distinction of high-quality undergraduate research. I was also awarded "senior psychology major of the year" by the IWU psychology faculty...Being a part of the Men's Lacrosse team at IWU was a special experience. This year we made it to the NCAA tournament for the third time in my four years there...I can't express how much my GDF award has meant to me and how much it has allowed me to accomplish. I will always be incredibly grateful for the investment that the GDF was willing to make in me and my future!" *Jayden Erie*

"I continue to delve into more specific classes for my English major and linguistics minor and maintained a spot on the Dean's List in both fall and spring semesters of the past academic year. I completed all requirements for my minor, and am on track to finish up the last few major requirements in this upcoming year. I've worked as a student administrative assistant in the English office for roughly a year now and am happy to continue in this position until I graduate." *Phoenix Ocean*

"I had one of the best last semesters I could have asked for. I had amazing teachers who helped push me to the finish line where I made the dean's list. I am excited to announce that since my graduation from UMD, I secured a full-time position at Giant Voices here in Duluth." *Madeline Kinziger*

"I wish to share that this scholarship has been a great help to me and has allowed me to be a full-time student during the school year, which has led to grades that I am very happy with." *Liu Newland*

"This scholarship has allowed me to stress less about my finances. Because I don't have to work full time, I have had time to make friends who will stick with me for the rest of my life. The growth of my friendships has been the biggest highlight of my year. For the first time, I have a community that I fit into perfectly, and it has made my life better in ways I never would have expected. I can develop a community because this scholarship allows me free time." *Benjamin Walker*

"After being here for some time and growing new roots, I have found extreme excitement about educating myself, friendships I have created, and being able to explore around the new town I have placed myself in. I was able to go on a choir trip to South Dakota which was one of the best things I have been to. I was able to perform in a big production of Carmina Burana. I also am very excited for this next semester especially since I was accepted to my major as well." *Leah Nelson*

"I'd just like to thank the Foundation once again for providing me with this scholarship. In this last year of school, my life was changed by the friendships I made and new passions I discovered, and I'm constantly reminded how much I love college. Thank you for making it all possible." *Hartley Bauer*

"Going to college changed my life, as cheesy as it sounds. I was nervous and skeptical about what my future held going into this new chapter of my life, but I do not regret one thing about it. I never really thought I could enjoy learning, but now I am able to take classes that interest me and have me wanting to know more. Ranging from new friends to professors and advisors, I have met so many great people that have already left a profound impact on my life just in the span of a short year." *Ashley Beckrich*

"Thank you very much for the financial support during the past four years. I am grateful that Denfeld students have such a unique and generous opportunity to earn scholarships supporting their continued learning." *Logan Griggs*

"I would say that this scholarship helped me to attend college out of state. It more or less offset the cost of out of state tuition so that I could attend Michigan Technological University..."
Keep on supporting students to achieve their dreams to attend college or university. I had no clue what I wanted to do with my life and in all honesty, I am not sure that I know even after attending university but it has sent me on a path to find out. I find enjoyment in academics and I hope to never stop learning. Attending university was a step in the right direction to get my foot in the door." *Nicole McGinn*